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Bible Thought. For Today

JOY FOR WEeping.—His anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: therefore weep not for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.—Psalm 30:5.

Ships.

The American people have indulged in so much lamentation and disgust over the shipping situation that it is comforting to read these words, from Theodore Price, editor of Commerce and Finance: "As to our shipping, it must be admitted that we have an over-supply of tonnage and that rates are unprofitable; but to the close student of facts it is apparent that of all our war expenditures, those made for shipbuilding have the greatest 'peace value.'"

It is well to recognize this fact and keep it in mind. There has been a big loss in shipping, some of it inevitable, and some, no doubt, due to legislative and administrative neglect. But the government expenditures for ships are by no means a net loss. Aside from the fact that a large part of the fleet now lying idle serves a useful purpose in helping to win the war, we still have the ships, and most of them are probably destined to be very useful hereafter, when trade revivies.

We always wanted a big merchant marine, and now we have one. If no false steps are taken, a time will come—and it may be only a couple of years ahead—when the country will be glad it has that big fleet on its hands.

Clemenceau As An Editor

Georges Clemenceau, at the age of 80, is starting a newspaper, the "Echo National." Associated with him is Andre Tardieu, younger, but little less conspicuous in French politics.

It is said that one reason why the old Tiger is emerging from practical retirement is that he has been aroused by stories as to his share of responsibility for certain weak spots in the Treaty of Versailles, and that he intends to revivie through the columns of his paper, some of the proceedings which went to the training of that document. That is probably only half the story. Seeing France facing a political crisis, he cannot refrain from sticking in an experimental claw.

Whatever he writes on any subject will be vital, and whatever stand he takes as to French internal or foreign relations will be important, for he is still a power. He makes an interesting study in keen and vigorous age, and in the subtle turn of politics.

Don't Do It

Never leave little children locked in the house alone. The warning is not new, but there is no frequent reminder that it needs repetition.

Christine, a mother, just the other day, left her three-year-old son, three and one, locked in the house while she ran to the grocery. During her absence, the boy found the door unlocked, took fire and the blaze spread to the wood-work. Before neighbors could get men, attracted by the flames, had broken into the house, all three children were badly burned.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



ED WAGLE, WHO DELIVERS WASHINGTONS FOR HIS WIFE IS A VICTIM OF HARD LUCK—HE SPRAINED HIS WRIST WHILE PLAYING CARDS LAST NIGHT.

EXCHANGES IN CHINA FORMED

(By Associated Press) SHANGHAI, Jan. 20.—Efforts of certain Chinese of Shanghai to launch one in imitation of great American trading centers with the formation by wholesale of stock and brokerage exchanges have been fraught with so much financial havoc that not only has the foreign government set about to take action, but the foreign police authorities of the International Settlement as well, has begun to show concern.

The past year in Shanghai has seen the formation of scores of "exchanges" ostensibly opened for the purpose of trading, generally in staples, but also in every form of commodity. Operating without restraints of any kind, stocks and commodities of every sort have been dealt with in the abandon of a get-rich-quick era which now has begun to prove most distressing to many victims.

Portions of a recently issued official Shanghai police report on the situation are given as follows: "Speculation mania" took deep root after the rapid formation of many exchanges and persons who in their saner moments would give up have consented to part with their cash assets for some safe and profitable investment were attracted by the glamor of large fortunes.

"On the other hand, a few families were ruined and cases of suicide and attempted suicide occurred. The situation presented a strong temptation to employ in places of trust to make their fortunes by what appeared to them to be a few simple transactions with the temporary loan of their employers' money.

"Numbers of employees absconded after having embezzled sums of money. A rough estimate of the total amount of money thus reported lost places the figure well over \$1,000,000. In addition men who had hitherto been respected for their integrity and regarded as strong financially disappeared after incurring liabilities they were unable to meet.

"It is almost imperative that action should be taken as soon as possible to bring these establishments under control."

REVOLUTION'S FLOURISHING

NIKOLAEVSK, Samara Province, Russia, Jan. 20.—Cossack counter-revolutionaries who have just raided this place reported to the last detail American Relief Administration supplies but shot 50 communists, blew up the principal buildings of the town, and looted soviet government warehouses filled with fur, matches, skins, tobacco and military stores.

Their entrance was picturesque. They came in 500 strong, mounted on black horses, and each man and woman armed with rifles. Two slines of cartridges, belts, knives and pistols. Riding at their head was their leader, Sofias, tall and wearing a ferocious looking black beard. Behind the cavalry came a train of 200 wagons, brought from the fastnesses of the Ural mountains to carry away the loot.

Their actions were regulated with much discipline. Arriving early on a Saturday morning, they first cut all telegraph wires, then rounded up the communists and executed them. The people of the town were notified from the public square that they would not be shot or injured, and also that they should order that C. E.

THE OFFICE CAT



THE DOWN GRADE.

A young fellow who was born in Jayville left his home town and went out into the world. Reports came from several large cities that he became a sport, that he smoked cigarettes, played pool and drank beer. The people at home were horrified. Some years later the fellow died in New York, and his body was shipped back to Jayville, for burial. An old straight-laced preacher in Jayville was asked to say a few words over the grave. And this is what he said: "Brother: This man was born in Jayville. He went to San Francisco. Later he went to New Orleans. Later he went to Chicago. Later he went to New York City, where he died. His descent into hell was certain, but it was at least gradual."

REBUFF. "Ah, I saw the princess slip," said the preacher to the teacher. "And she stumbled on the stairs."

"Fresh, old thing, don't you get flip?" quoth the teacher to the preacher. "What you saw were telly boards!"

Mary Garden says: "The most beautiful thing is a leg in a black silk stocking." Mary mustn't believe what every man tells her.

Still, an enemy has his own good points. He never asks you to endorse a note for him.

ONCE UPON A TIME: After the glories of the night came the stories of the morning after.

NO FINGER PRINTS FOR HIM. It was visiting day at the jail and the warden was on duty.

"My good man," said one kindly lady, "I hope that since you have come here you have had time for meditation and have decided to correct your faults."

"I have that, mum," replied the prisoner of heartfelt tones. "Believe me, the next job I pull, this lady wears gloves."

SHE TOLD HIM. "You are not economical," said the infuriated husband.

"Well," dashed his wife, "If you don't call a woman economical who saves her wedding dress for a possible second marriage, I'd love to know just what you do call economy."

NOTHING AGAINST HIM. "Is Russia a genius?" "Well, he isn't known as one around here. Always pays his bills promptly."

Telephoning from the United States to Asia is possible, says Marconi. But we hope it will not be as difficult as telephoning from La Grande to Island City.

Some folks burn their bridges behind them, and some burn them by fore them.

3000 JOBLESS GIRLS. The 3000 jobless girls of Paris, Jan. 20, are more than 3000 unemployed and waiting for work. They are hearing "over the air" of the stranded without any hope of aid. Relief organizations have taken up the question.

the children alone, whether the house was locked or not. Taking the three children along with her seemed like a troublesome task to the mother; but it would have been infinitely easier than the trouble she faces now. Or if she had only left the doors unlocked, the children could have got out, or someone could have got to them quickly.

Representatives of the Russian soviet government have been invited to attend the economic conference at Geneva. At least they should be able to give expert advice on economic schemes that won't work.

Most everybody gets what he wants most in life. The trouble is that so many people imagine they want something different from what they're going after.

Next thing will be a sinking fund for bathtubs.

FORUM

SEES SOMETHING WRONG

Editor Observer:—I was at a boxing contest the other night that was certainly the biggest take I have ever seen. The fellow who got the decision didn't deserve it. Everybody I talked to seemed to think that the referee wasn't on the square. Anyhow, how could he tell, whether it was a foul or he didn't see it himself? Dempsey had it all over the other fellow and fought a clean fight.

I like to see good, clean prize fights and they tell me the referee is head of the city boxing commission. Where I come from they wouldn't let a man on a boxing commission referee or put his hand in the fight any more than to see that nothing crooked is pulled off. Now I like La Grande fine, and think it is about as good a place to make my home as any place and I like good fights but don't give me any more like the one the other night. It was enough to make any sportsman ashamed of himself to see the best man lose out on a decision. Now, Mr. Editor, I hope you will print this and do what you can see that in future we get good, clean boxing matches here.

Years.

Fight Lover.

HE'LL HAVE TO GO TO WORK

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Forty-one years ago William Cullen Bryant Kemp became a student at Columbia university. Today he is still a student and has not missed a semester.

Having studied everything worth while and exhausted all of the "ologies," Student Kemp, who is over 50 years old, is spending his time this year learning all about the paleogeographic development of North America.

He has many degrees, including a "D. P. S." (Doctor of Perpetual Study), conferred by his fellow students.

Some say that William wouldn't study when a boy, so that a wise uncle left a will providing for him as long as he was a regularly enrolled university student.

SMUGGLE GERMAN GOODS (By Associated Press) DOVER, Eng., Jan. 20.—In the last few months of war and since have been fined here 20 smuggling contraband goods, cameras, automobiles and automobile accessories into England.

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Two CONVICTED. (By Associated Press) VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 20.—Roy Moore and Bert Orutt were convicted yesterday of robbing the Sells-Floto circus on September 16 of about \$30,500. This was the second trial, the first jury having disagreed.

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